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## MASTER'S DEGREE TO BE CONFERRED BY N.S.C.



Governor Robert F. Kennon is pictured above signing the bill that authorized Northwestern State College to confer the master's degree in Education. Standing behind the Governor are Representatives Curtis Boozman and Monnie Cheves and Senator Sylvan Friedman, members of the Legislature from Natchitoches Parish.

The bill, known as House Bill No. 343, was introduced by Cheves and Boozman and passed the House by a vote of 75-13. It passed the Senate by a vote of 33-1. Upon the signature of Governor Kennon, the bill became Act No. 81 of the 1954 session of the Legislature.

longer able to meet these requirements, since it was limited to work only on the undergraduate level. As a result, hundreds of teachers in North and Central Louisiana were forced to go to Texas and Arkansas institutions to complete the work for the master's degree.

Truly, then, it was a significant step in the development of this institution and its capacity to serve the needs of education when the right to confer the master's degree in education was given by the last session of the Legislature.

This privilege is not being taken lightly by the College administration, and a great deal of work and planning is under way to set up graduate courses and a graduate school. It is not the purpose of the College to develop a "Graduate Mill" for grinding out degrees, but rather the setting up of high standards that will make a master's degree a real achievement on the part of the student, and will maintain the good name of the College as one whose degrees have merit and national rating.

### FULL OPERATION BY SUMMER

President John S. Kyser stated to the faculty on September 13. "We are not prepared to offer graduate work this fall. We shall do our best to start some classes later on during the year, with the hope that we can be ready for a rather full program by next summer."

The demand for and the necessity of establishing a graduate school in education at N. S. C. was demonstrated fully by the united and zealous support of school superintendents, principals, teachers, and business men throughout practically all of Louisiana, especially in north, central, and southwest Louisiana.

To the State Legislature, friends of the College, and the alumni, who gave unstintingly of their time and efforts, we wish to express our appreciation for this forward step in expanding the services of the College to education in Louisiana at the beginning of this our 70th year of existence as an educational institution.

The most significant step of progress at Northwestern State College was brought about this summer when the Louisiana Legislature voted overwhelmingly to authorize the College to confer the MASTER'S DEGREE in Education.

The State Board of Education concurred in this action of the Legislature, and at its last meeting approved the appointment of a dean of the graduate school and authorized the College to present its program for their approval.

Designated as a school for training teachers in 1884, the LOUISIANA STATE NORMAL SCHOOL offered two years of college work. In 1918, thirty-four

years after its establishment, the Legislature gave the College the right to confer the bachelor's degree and invested it with the title LOUISIANA STATE NORMAL COLLEGE.

Widening the scope of the curricula offered, the Louisiana State Normal College became, by constitutional amendment in 1944, NORTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE OF LOUISIANA. For efficiency of academic administration, the College is divided into four schools: School of Applied Arts and Sciences, School of Arts and Sciences, School of Education, and School of Nursing.

Northwestern was the first, and for many years the only public-

supported teacher training institution in Louisiana. As the requirements for certification of teachers changed from two years of training to four years of training with a bachelor's degree, the College was permitted to revise its curricula to meet these needs. As a matter of fact, there was a time during this period when more than 60% of the properly certified teachers of Louisiana were trained at this institution, a fact which earned for her the title "Mother of Public Education in Louisiana."

As requirements for administrative positions in many schools and parishes were raised so as to call for the holding of master's degrees. Northwestern was no



## A. G. ALEXANDER DIES AUGUST 19



Professor Albert George Alexander, retired head of the Department of Languages, Northwestern State College, died suddenly of a heart attack the evening of August 19 at his home in Natchitoches.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Troy V. Wheeler of Alexandria, former pastor, conducting the services. Burial was in the American Cemetery under the direction of Blanchard Funeral Home.

Professor Alexander served at N.S.C. for 35 years prior to his retirement in 1953, having come to the College in 1918. After his retirement he joined the faculty of Centenary College, where he was employed until his death.

A native of Brusa, Asia Minor, Professor Alexander taught school on the island of Cyprus before coming to the United States. He received his undergraduate training at International College, Smyrna, Turkey, and at Doane College in the United States. He earned his Master's Degree at George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tennessee, and had done graduate work at the University of Southern California.

Professor Alexander was one of the outstanding Greek translators in the South, his most notable contribution being a translation of the works of Makrakis, noted Greek philosopher.

He was author of a two-volume *Outline of English Literature*, a synoptic, interpretive, and critical survey that was used by classes at the College.

## Sixteen New Faculty Members for 1954-55

When the fall semester officially opens, there will be sixteen new faculty members at N. S. C., who are replacing teachers either resigned or on leave of absence for one year.

In the SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES will be Paul S. Alexander, assistant professor of biology; Robert H. Humphrey, assistant professor of journalism; W. E. Timon, Jr., assistant professor of mathematics; Richard A. Lamb, assistant professor of music; Dr. William J. Broach, assistant professor of chemistry; and Mrs. Ora V. Watson, assistant professor of sociology.

Mr. Alexander, a graduate of Indiana Central College and the University of Indiana, has completed most of his work for the Ph. D. Degree. He will replace Gordon Fairchild, resigned.

Mr. Humphrey, who will also be the director of the College News Bureau, is a graduate of Louisiana Polytechnic Institute and Louisiana State University. A native of Shreveport, he is a former member of the news staff of The Shreveport Times and held editorship of the Ruston Daily Leader.

Mr. Timon, who has received his appointment for one year, is a graduate of Northwestern State College and Tulane University. He replaces Glynn Corley, who is on leave of absence for one year.

Also appointed for one year is Mr. Lamb, who replaces Donald Glatly, on leave for one year. Lamb, a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and Northwestern University, will teach voice and direct the College chorus.

Dr. Broach, replacing Dr. Quentin Morris, resigned, is a graduate of Henderson State Teachers College and the University of Arkansas.

Mrs. Watson, a former member of the faculty at Centenary College, has been working toward the Ph. D. Degree at Louisiana State University the past year.

In the SCHOOL OF APPLIED ARTS AND SCIENCES are Mr. Jewell Watson, assistant professor of business administration, and Miss Hollie White, assistant professor of home economics.

Mr. Watson, a graduate of Northwestern State College and Louisiana State University, has done advanced graduate work at University of Indiana. He will replace Miss Ruth Bruner, on leave of absence.

Two new SCHOOL OF NURSING instructors are on the list. They are Mrs. Margaret Evans,

who has been appointed clinical instructor to replace Miss Marie Havens in the Shreveport division, and Miss Frances Pingrey, who will be director of the graduate nurse program at the College. Mrs. Evans is a graduate of Duke University, while Miss Pingrey received her Master's Degree at University of Denver.

In the SCHOOL OF EDUCATION will be Miss Elizabeth Closs, Miss Betty Godwin, and Mrs. Betty Walker, all of whom are assistant professors of health and physical education, and Mr. Wallace Van Sickle and Mr. Douglas Westbrook, supervisors of instrumental and vocal music student teachers respectively.

Miss Closs replaces Miss Florence Klaptham, resigned. She is a graduate of Texas State College for Women, where she received both the Bachelor's and Master's Degrees. She previously taught in Puerto Rico.

Miss Godwin received her degrees from the University of North Carolina. She replaces Miss Elizabeth Shaffer, resigned.

Mrs. Walker is a graduate of the University of Texas, where she received both the Bachelor's and Master's Degrees. She replaces Miss Jean Maeys, resigned.

Mr. Van Sickle is a graduate of Northwestern State College and North Texas State College, while Mr. Westbrook, also a graduate of N. S. C., received his Master's Degree at Louisiana State University.

Miss Katherine Bridges, LIBRARY, is assistant professor of library science. B.A. Degree from the University of Texas and the B.S. in Library Science from L. S. U. She replaces Mr. Hoffpauir, resigned.

Lt. Col. O. L. Greening, Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Northwestern State College, has announced the following additions or replacements in his staff:

Captain Hubert E. Nolde of Leesville; Ist. Lt. John E. Preston, High Point, N. C.; M/Sgt. William B. Hammond, Lexington, Ky.; SFC Paul J. Albrecht, St. Paul, Minn.; and SFC Richard E. Colton, Rockford, Illinois.

Captain Nolde is a graduate in Engineering at Louisiana State University and comes to NSC from the Infantry Officers Advanced Course at Fort Benning, Ga. He served with the Philippine Scouts in the Pacific theater during World War II, and was later in Germany.

Lt. Preston is a graduate of High Point College, N. C., and comes to NSC from an assignment

with the 25th Infantry Division in Korea. During WW II he saw service in the European theater.

M/Sgt. Hammond, just recently returned from Korea, came to the College via Camp Polk. He saw service in Africa, Sicily, and Italy in WW II.

SFC Albrecht reported here from Fort Bliss, Texas. Served in Korea with the 40th Infantry Division, and in the Pacific theater during the occupation.

SFC Colton was transferred to NSC from Camp Chaffee, Ark. He attended Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa. He served in Korea with the 25th Infantry Division and saw service in Burma, India and Palestine during WW II.

## Walker Named Dean Of Administration

Dr. George T. Walker, Dean of the School of Applied Arts and Sciences, has been named Dean of Administration. The additional duty was made effective July 1.

Dean Walker, a graduate of NSC, received his M. A. and Ph. D. Degrees from Louisiana State University. He has had prior teaching and administrative service in three of the state colleges at L. S. U., and the State Department of Education.

## Eve Mouton Acting Dean of Women

Miss Eve Mouton, member of the faculty in the Department of Languages, has been named acting Dean of Women. She has been serving in this capacity since July 1, replacing Dr. Kathleen I. Gilard, resigned.

Miss Mouton received her A. E. Degree from Southwestern Louisiana Institute and her M. A. Degree from Duke University. She was a Lt. Commander in the U. S. Navy during WW II.

## Increase in Enrollment

Early indications at the beginning of Freshman week point to 12% to 18% increase in enrollment for the fall semester. Report from the Dean of Women and the Director of Men's Housing show that all available spaces in the dormitories are reserved, with a large waiting list. Every effort is being made to care for all students desiring housing on the campus.

The women's dormitories have been completely renovated during the summer, and the large sleeping porches in Audubon Hall and Agnes Morris Hall have been converted into rooms.



## ALUMNI

### Here 'n There

Miss Catherine Marjorie Rachal, S. '49, of Flora, is Education rector at Yokota's Education Center, Japan.

After graduation at NSC, Miss Rachal attended Louisiana State University and did graduate work in education, and taught in secondary schools of the state until '51. She went overseas in June, '51, being assigned to Yokota as instructor until November, '52. In November she was transferred to Misawa as educational rector.

In her work, Miss Rachal directs group-study, self-study, and correspondence courses on high school, college, and vocational-technical levels for service men.

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Mr. Fritz E. Dohse, former student at NSC from Gottingen, Germany, is one of the new faculty members at Louisiana State University this fall. He has been appointed instructor of Engineering Mechanics in the College of Engineering.

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PFC John B. Eichler, B. A. '53, whose address is Advance Camp Support Group Unc Mac, APO 72, Postmaster, San Francisco.

He is presently stationed at the Camp, Musan Ni, Korea. He is serving as a clerk typist for the United Nations Command, Military Armistice Commission. They are engaged in the exchange of U. S. and Communist deceased personnel.

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Mrs. Eva May Finley Smith, S. '49, of 410-A Market Street, Orange, Texas, writes that she is teaching in Orange. She received her Master's Degree in Education last summer at the University of Houston.

Mrs. Smith's daughter, Audrey, S. '50, is now Mrs. R. D. Maxwell and lives in Jena.

The mother is looking forward to homecoming this year and expects to attend. Mrs. Smith finished the two-year course at North in 1925.

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Mr. Roy Paxton Vail, B.S. '48, Box 23, Gallup, New Mexico, is employed by Eaton Accounting in Gallup. He recently returned from Guymon, Oklahoma, his present address. He stated in this letter that T. R. Erwin, S. '50, formerly of Raton, New Mexico, is working in Gallup also.

Miss Juanita George, B.A. '51, of Alexandria, writes that she is living at 501 S. State Street, Caney, Kansas. She is eager to receive copies of the Alumni Columns.

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Mrs. Audell Motycka, the former Audell Ann Peavy, A.B. '53, of Leesville, writes that she is now living at 5520 Woodville Road, Toledo, Ohio. She has been living in Toledo for the past year.

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A large number of former students and graduates have been employed in the Department of Public Welfare during the past summer. Among those employed are Mrs. Mary F. Spinks, the former Mary Frances Stokes, A.B. '51, of Ferriday, who is in Franklin Parish, 1705 West Street, Winnsboro; Mrs. Helen S. Pope, the former Helen Blume of Harris, with the Caddo Parish Welfare, who resides at 121 East 67th Street, Shreveport; Miss Wanda L. McMickle, A.B. '54, at Rayville with the Richland Parish department; Mrs. Lutie W. Hankins, Columbia, the former Lutie White of Holum, in Caldwell Parish; Mrs. Ella H. Hamiter, 109 Preston Street, Shreveport, the former Ella Howard of Quitman; Mrs. Naomi H. McMinn, 213 Adrienne Street, Lafayette, the former Naomi Huckabee, in Lafayette Parish; and Mr. Raborn D. Rains, Monroe, who has been added to the staff of the Probation and Parole offices in the Monroe district.

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Miss Peggy Casemore, A.B. '49, is stationed with the American Red Cross, at U. S. Army Hospital, APO 696, Nuremberg (Germany), % Postmaster, New York, N. Y. She is hoping to be back in the U. S. in time for the homecoming ceremonies after a two-year stay in Germany. When she returns home, her address will be 1426 Sixth Street, New Orleans, La.

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1st Lt. Anne Powell, Women's Medical Specialists Corps, has been stationed at Army and Navy Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark., for the past year. She is chief of ward food service. She received her M.S. degree at University of Arkansas after leaving NSC and then joined the Women's Medical Specialists Corps.

She left for a vacation in Europe on July 31 and wrote for the address of Michel Honegger, French exchange student at NSC here, so that she might visit her while in France.

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Mrs. Edwin P. Elliott, the former Ellen Lee Bridewell, A.B. '39,

her husband and two sons, Edwin, Jr., 7, and Francis Moxom, 3, have recently moved from Central City, Kentucky, to 1605 Genesee Street, Utica 3, New York.

She and her husband will work as directors of Christian education in the First Presbyterian Church of Utica.

## FOOTBALL

With two weeks of conditioning, the Demons are about ready for their season opener with Central Oklahoma State on the local gridiron this week end. The Oklahoma "Bronchos" defeated the Demons last year, 7-0, one of the two defeats suffered during the season.

Twenty-two lettermen reported to Coaches Turpin, Brown, and Ledet this fall. The return of a few former squadmen, who have been in service, along with some promising new material from freshmen and transfers, has bolstered the hopes of the Demons for a good season. The loss by graduation of all-conference end John Ables will be felt in the forward wall. Most other positions have returning lettermen or good replacements.

Following the opener with Central Oklahoma State, the Demons journey to Beaumont, Texas, to meet Lamar Tech on September 25, and play host to McNeese State College here on the night of October 2. On successive Saturdays they meet Louisiana College in Alexandria, Southeastern Oklahoma State (a newcomer to the schedule) in Natchitoches, and Louisiana Tech at the State Fair Grounds in Shreveport. To round out the schedule the Demons meet Northeast, Southwestern and Southeastern, the game with Southwestern being Homecoming.

The twenty-two lettermen returning are: ends, Ted Simon, Jack Rogers, Gary Hickman, and Earl Haynes; tackles, Bill Little, Glen Haynes, and Charles Johnson; guards, Bob Tatum, Allan Langridge, and Dan Chase; centers, Dudley Downing and Jerry

## CADET MAC G. LANDRY



Mac G. Landry, ex '53, of Bunkie, recently made his first solo flight at Whiting Field, Florida, U. S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station. The Cadet will receive instruction in precision air work and aerobatics along with his regular solo flights.

Epperson. In the backfield are James McNew, Dan Carr, Searle Walton, Don Millen, Larry Whitt, Roland Smith, George Perkins, Clyde Chesson, Jack Bice, and Raymond Bates.

Transfers and returning service men include Bill Harris, transfer from L. S. U., and Mervin H. Wampold, transfer from Oklahoma A. & M., with Don Purser, W. B. Calvert, and J. R. Akin returning from service.

In workouts up to the present time, the entire football squad has shown a fine spirit, with plenty of hustle and action; and the coaches can even smile when discussing the possibilities of a good conference season.

Co-holders of the G. S. C. championship last season, the Demons will be in there battling all the way to retain their position.

REMEMBER!  
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## Cupid's Doings

MISS LORRAINE VAUGHAN, B.S. '52, of DeRidder, and Mr. Maynard Woodhatch, of Rosepine, were married at St. Joseph's Church in DeRidder on June 6, the Reverend Father James F. Shahrigan officiating at the ceremonies.

The bride has been teaching music in the Rosepine High School, and the groom is a certified public accountant. They will make their home in DeRidder.

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MISS GRACE MARION COFER, ex '50, of Shreveport, and Mr. James Madison Hoss, Jr., of Dallas, Texas, were united in marriage at the First Baptist Church, Shreveport, on May 1, with Dr. James W. Middleton officiating. The young couple will reside at Delhi, La.

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MISS FAYE DEL JOHNSON, A.B. '54, of Chestnut, and Mr. SHELTON H. ROBINSON, A. B. '52, of Danville, were married at the Briarwood Baptist Church, Readhimer, on August 22, with Rev. Edward P. Burke, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Natchitoches, performing the ceremony. The young couple will reside in Shreveport, where Mr. Robinson is an investigator with the U. S. Civil Service Commission. The bride

### ENSIGN L. E. LUM



Navy Ensign Leslie E. Lum, B.S. '50, of Longstreet, has qualified as a carrier pilot after six successful landings aboard the light aircraft carrier USS Monterey in the Gulf of Mexico. The landings completed a stringent schedule in military, academic, physical, and flight training at Pensacola, Fla.

He is scheduled for a course in instrument flying at Corry Field before earning his "Wings of Gold."

will be employed as a member of the faculty of the Parkview Elementary School.

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MISS JOHNNIE MAE CAMPBELL, B.S. '49, and Mr. EDWARD CHARLES PALMER, B.S. '49, both of Leesville, were married at a double-ring ceremony at the First Methodist Church in Leesville on August 7, the Rev. Alton A. McKnight officiating.

The young couple reside at 906 Marvin Avenue, Leesville.

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MISS BILLIE FAYE ADAMS, B.S. '48, and Dr. Stephen Marion Spencer, Jr., both members of the Louisiana College faculty, were married in the Queensborough Baptist Church in Shreveport on May 30. The bride is formerly from Shreveport and the groom is from Wilmington, N. C. They will make their home in Pineville.

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MISS VIRGINIA RUTH WINN, A.B. '48, of Natchitoches, and Mr. GERALD DAVID WATKINS, ex '48, of Monroe, were united in marriage at the First Baptist Church of Natchitoches on April 21, the Rev. Perry F. Webb, Jr., officiating. The newlyweds will make their home in Monroe.

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MISS PATRICIA JOY SHORT, A.B. '52, of Jamestown, and Mr. JOHN WILLIS HAYNES, A.B. '52, of Saline, were married in the Jamestown Baptist Church on June 4. Both the bride and groom have been members of the Springhill Elementary School for two years.

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Miss Jimmie Reed Smith of Tallulah, and Mr. JOHN GURDON ROBERTSON, JR., B.S. '49, of Bossier City, were married at the home of the bride's parents in Tallulah on May 30. The young couple will live in Ferriday, where the groom is serving as coach of the Ferriday High School.

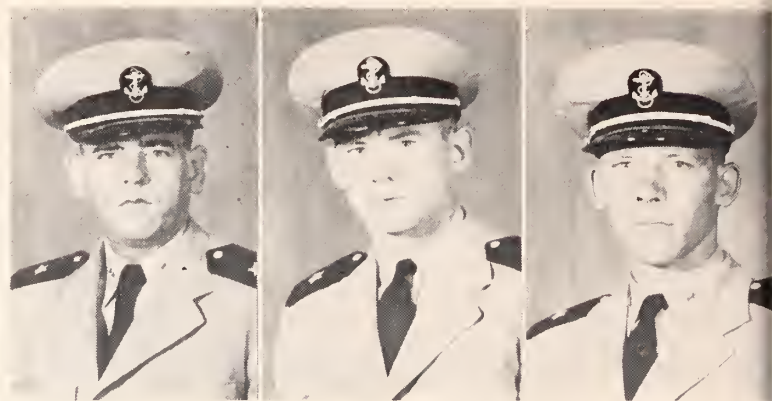
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MISS DORRIS JEANNE PINE, B.S. '51, of Baton Rouge, and Mr. Hewitt Texter Jackson, also of Baton Rouge, were united in marriage at the Church of Immaculate Conception, Natchitoches, on June 19. The bride has been employed in the Baton Rouge schools as Supervisor of Speech Correction. They will live in Baton Rouge.

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Miss Martha Hunt of Shreveport, and Dr. ROBERT A. PALMER, B.S. '42, Shreveport, were married at the First Methodist Church on June 5, with Dr. Guy M. Hicks as the officiating minister. The couple will make their home in Shreveport, where Dr. Palmer is practicing dentistry.

## CADETS AULDS, McGRAW, WILSON



MISS VIRGINIA ELLEN KLINE, A.B. '53, of Shreveport, and Mr. Thomas Porter McIntosh, of Easton, Georgia, were married at Caddo Heights Baptist Church in Shreveport on June 10. The bride has been teaching in the Belfair Elementary School in Baton Rouge. The young couple will make their home in Athens, Ga., where the groom is attending University of Georgia.

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MISS CHARLOTTE MAURINE GRAY, A.B. '52, of Bastrop, and Mr. Herbert Buch, of Jennings, were married in the First Methodist Church of Bastrop on June 26. The bride has been teaching in Jennings for the past two years. The young couple will reside in Jennings.

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MISS ANN EVORIA DIER, R.N. '54, senior nursing student of Baton Rouge, and Dr. James Woodfin Wilson, Jr., of Marks, were married on June 6 at the Baptist Student Chapel of L. S. U. Dr. Wilson, resident physician at Confederate Memorial Medical Center of Shreveport, will continue his studies in Internal Medicine at Verona, N. J., hospital, after which the young couple will reside in Shreveport.

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MISS KATHLEEN CELINE PRUDHOMME, A.B. '54, of Bermuda, and Mr. JOHN THEODORE BATTEN, JR., of Natchitoches, were married at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Natchitoches on August 19. They will be at home at 844 Ratcliff Street, Shreveport, where he is employed by a gas company and Mrs. Batten will teach at Parkview School.

## Phillips Acting Head Of Social Sciences

Dr. Yvonne Phillips was named acting Head of the Social Sciences Department on June 14 to succeed President John S. Kyser, former head of the Department.

Cadets Charles B. Aulds, William R. McGraw, and Samuel W. Wilson have recently graduated from the U. S. Naval Pre-Flight School at Pensacola, Florida. They are now assigned to Whiting Field U. S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Milton, Florida, for primary flight training.

Cadet Aulds, ex '54, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Aulds, 134 Le Street, Natchitoches. Cadet McGraw, ex '53, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. McGraw, Route 1, La Compte, and Cadet Wilson, ex '53, is also from Lecompte.

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